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## Obama, Romney in final dash for US presidency

DES MOINES, Iowa (AFP) - President Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney criss-crossed America Sunday, appealing for votes in an agonizing two-day dash for the US presidency that both sides claimed was just within their grasp.

Romney's run includes a surprise foray into Pennsylvania, a Democratic-leaning state that Republican strategists said was breaking his way. Obama's advisers, however, dismissed the thrust as a sign of desperation.

Democrats said they were

confident of Obama's small but steady lead in the key swing states that are likely to decide the election, but acknowledged that everything now depends on getting the vote out on November 6.

"Ultimately, it's up to you. You have the power," Obama said at rally in Concord, New Hampshire. "You will be shaping the decisions for this country for decades to come right now, in the next two days."

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## A stylish second edition of Aruba in Style Fashion Week



Some designs of the Poko Pano Collection

The second addition of the island's signature fashion week, Aruba in Style (AIS) began Thursday evening with an elegant welcome for more than 40 International press members, models and the 13 designers whose work were on display over the weekend.

All those attending were personally welcomed by Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, and Chief Marketing Officer of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA,) Sanju Lu- idens. ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes was suitably dressed to the nines for the fashionable event.

AIS founders Damalice Mansur, Ronchi de Cuba and Eva Wever conducted four days that spectacularly showcased not only the collections for next Spring/Summer of the most famous names in designer resort and swimwear, but Aruba's luxurious locations, such as the Renaissance pool deck and Divi Phoenix resort, as the backdrops for the fashion shows. Saturday evening was a parade of swim and beachwear by Aqua di Lara, Poko Pano, Agua Bendita and

Charlotte Ronson.

The first collection unveiled was that of local designer Berjheny Del Mar, now based out of Manhattan. Friday night the Dutch and Aruban Group show, featuring the creations of Allen Vos and Edwin Oudshoorn of Holland and Elisa Lejuez and Gigliola Designs of Aruba, along with Caffe Swimwear of Colombia. Popular designer Eva Zissu of Venezuela created a special line of fun and funky flip flops inspired by her adoration of the island, which she has named "Arubianas,"

"One Happy Flip-Flops."

Saturday night Tierra Del Sol hosted the "International Swim Show and Soiree," with a fashion show by Aqua Bendita of Colombia, Aqua di Lara collection by Reyhan Sofraci of Canada and Poko Pano from Brazil followed by British designer Charlotte Ronson, now out of NY, one of the most sought after American women's wear designers today.

By Rosalie Klein

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## Elmar to offer Solar Energy Workshop



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Those interested in attending the two-day Solar Energy workshop should contact Freddy Vargas at: [j.vargas@elmar.aw](mailto:j.vargas@elmar.aw).

The special workshop will be offered in cooperation between Elmar, DTL, EPI C&T and CMB. The different topics to be covered in the work-

shop are: solar basics, installation, safety, guarantees, maintenance, drawings, intallation pricing and financing of the Elmar Solar Panel Kit.

At the end of the workshop, each participant will be evaluated. Those who complete the workshop satisfactorily will receive a certificate from Elmar. With that certificate, your name will be added to a list from which Elmar's clients can choose as an installer to install the Solar Panel Kit. In this manner Elmar can guarantee that their Solar Panel Kit will be professionally installed.

Elmar's goal is to prepare and inform installers to install the Solar Panel Kits that Elmar has to offer their clients. For Elmar it is extremely important to guarantee the continuous reliable distribution of electricity to the community and at an affordable price, while at the same time maintaining a sustainable environment.

## Local group to develop 'High-end Business Hotel' in city center

This past week the government called an extra-ordinary press conference to make the announcement of an important project for the development of the center of Oranjestad, for Aruba and tourism in general.

Present at the press conference were, the Prime Minister, Minister Benny Sievinger who has infrastructure under his watch, and representatives of the Harms family. The Harms family is the ones behind the ambitious project.

For the past three years, the developers have been working on the realization of the concept of a hotel for the center of Oranjestad. They have chosen the concept of a 'High-end Business Oriented Hotel' for the city center. Their concept is based on a study and analysis done specifically for the Aruban market by the prestigious HVS Company.



The results of the study led to the creation of a feasibility study which provided the developers with the necessary information to have brought them to where they are with the project today.

According to Lionel Harms, at the moment they are in an advanced planning stage and foresee construction to begin within 8 months. The hotel will be built on the parking lot just

above the Bon Bini Bazaar building. The hotel will be close to a 5-star property with 130 rooms. Curt Harms, Jr. informed that they are holding conversations with different hotel chains, such as Indigo Hotel of Intercontinental, Aloft of Starwood Hotels, Hilton Garden Inn, Courtyard by Marriott and Hyatt Place.

According to the government and the developers, this project by itself would not have been feasible without the renovation and revitalization of the main street. They are convinced that this hotel project will place Aruba on a different level with their competitors in the region.

The government expressed their satisfaction with the initiative of the Harms family and for their belief in the economy of our island.

## There's still chance to purchase your Aruba Lions Club house raffle!

To be able to give the community more time to purchase their Aruba Lions Club House raffle and also to sell more raffles to raise more funds to invest in charitable initiatives, the Lions Club have decided to extend the raffle date to December 7th.

The house is located in the Monte Verde Residence complex in Sero Biento (Santa Cruz).

This is Aruba Lions Club's 56th house raffle as part of their annual fundraising program. The house is being built according to the Flor di Jasmijn model, and is 101M2 big with 3 bedrooms and two baths installed by

Banjolux. The kitchen is a modern Italian style completely installed by Berloni, and there is also a wash room. The windows are made of double glass and the roof is the "panchi" tiled type roof. The house is built on a lot measuring more or less 400M2 and has a market value of more or less 242 thousand Florins. This is a very modern and ideal house for any family.

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## A Celebration of Love and Family



Anthony and Jennifer and their two daughters, Alexa and Ava came from Staten Island, New York, to vacation, and celebrate their 10th Wedding Anniversary on November 2nd, together as a family,

at the Radisson Hotel. This is their 5th trip to our beautiful Island. When they go back this week, it will be to a home (thankfully in tact, but, no electricity) and a neighborhood devastated by the storm,

Sandy. We wish them strength.

This past Friday was a day to celebrate though, with a personalized, heartwarming, emotional Renewal of Vows Ceremony on the beach, officiated by Diane Keijzer. Their happiness was witnessed by the Radisson guests, and all of them applauded after the couple sealed their union once



again with a kiss, and then had a family hug with their children.

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Aqua di Lara collection with designer Reyhan Sofraci



AIS co founders Damilice Mansur and Ronchi de Cuba



Eva Zissu and designs



Minister Oduber with Sanju Luidens, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, Eva Wever and designer Reyhan Sofraci



Featured designer  
Berjheny Del Mar



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## SAC, SETAR and MUSICA Foundation establish new tradition for annual Calypso Contest



Hildward Croes, Roland Croes, Tecla Kelly, Minister de Meza

It is unfortunately, but in 2012, Aruba's greatest display of local culture, Carnival, experienced some dissension and controversy. This interfered with the full realization of what is most likely the most distinctive component of the event, the music, as the annual Calypso/Roadmarch contest was boycotted by some of the

best bands on the island.

When the dust had settled, the parties that are integral to a fully realized Carnival sat down at the bargaining table to work out their differences. This included the Stichting Arubaanse Carnival, or SAC, the volunteer foundation which governs and organizes events, SETAR, Aruba's national telecommunications

company and principal sponsor of the contest, and MUSICA Foundation, which represent the majority of musicians involved with Carnival.

Lending his calming voice to negotiations was Minister of Finance, Communications, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza. As a loyal "San Nicolas Boy" he was an able liai-

son between the administrators of carnival and the many musicians who take part, a friend to all. The Calypso/Roadmarch contest is one of the most popular and well attended Carnival music events, traditionally conducted in the Joe Laveist Sport Park in San Nicolas.

On Friday afternoon, November 2, the directors of the various organizations involved welcomed island media to the SETAR NV headquarters in Sabana Blanco to announce a workable agreement had been signed. MUSICA Foundation, represented by President Hildward Croes, noted musician and founder of Dushi Band, will completely take over the organization and presentation of the Calypso/Roadmarch contest. This will leave SAC, represented by President Tecla Kelly-Hernandez, free to attend to the many other events that take place during Carnival season. This upcoming Carnival 59 will be particularly short and frenetic, and

this will ease the pressure on SAC volunteers greatly.

Hildward Croes had only kudos for the "hostage-rescue" negotiating abilities of SETAR Director Roland Croes in working out an agreement between the two parties, as well as heartfelt gratitude to Minister de Meza for his sincere desire and unceasing efforts to work out a congenial arrangement. All parties agreed it was a difficult but necessary process to preserve and revitalize this beloved island tradition.

The popular annual Tumba contest will remain under SAC authority; only the Calypso/Roadmarch event will fall to MUSICA Foundation. "We hope to increase participation, attendance and quality of entries this coming Carnival 59," commented Hildward Croes, "We are offering musicians greater incentives and better prize money. We are determined to see the event grow again in presentation in popularity."

By Rosalie Klein



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## Obama, Romney in final dash for US presidency

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Romney, on his last stop in Iowa before the elections, implored supporters: "I need Iowa, I need Iowa, I need Iowa so we can win the White House and take back America."

Romney was also in Ohio and Virginia on Sunday as he and Obama burned up jet fuel hopping between the battleground states that will decide who has the White House for the next four years.

On a grueling swing that will end in Wisconsin in the early hours of Tuesday, Obama was also planning to travel to Florida, Colorado and Ohio on Sunday.

Campaign aides pointed at early voting advantages in states like Ohio and Florida

as evidence that Obama is close to sealing the deal in his quest to become only the second Democrat since World War II to get a second term.

As the race boils down to a handful of votes in a handful of states both sides are trumpeting their organizational skills and get-out-the-vote drive as decisive.

Romney was spending precious time in Pennsylvania because the momentum was shifting in his favor even in states with bedrock Democratic constituencies, Gillespie said.

But Obama's team said Romney's raid was an acknowledgement that he can no longer put together the 270 electoral votes needed to

win the election in the real swing states.

"Listen, this is a desperate ploy at the end of a campaign," said Plouffe on ABC's "This Week."

"I think a lot of this is a smokescreen, to try and mask the fact that in the places that will decide this election from an Electoral College standpoint -- Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin -- it's going to be close, but they are definitely in a weak position heading into election day."

With one day to go in a race that has turned on Obama's economic record and Romney's past as a venture capitalist and the question of whether he is ready to lead, the candidates are closely matched.

They are effectively tied in national polls of the popular vote but Obama appears to be in a stronger position in the battleground states, and if the polls are accurate, seems to be in position to win re-election.

The latest ABC News/Washington Post survey showed the race for the White House tied, with both Obama and Romney receiving 48-percent support among likely voters.

## Cold, lack of fuel threaten NY recovery



**A woman sifts through her mother's damaged home for items to save**

NEW YORK (AFP) - Severe fuel shortages on Sunday threatened New York's attempt to recover from super-storm Sandy as cold temperatures added to almost a week of misery exacerbated by flooded homes, limited public transportation and fraying tempers.

But on the bright side, power was restored to nearly all of Manhattan Saturday after flooding plunged the lower half of New York's most densely populated borough and famous skyline into darkness.

Crews were also working to restore supplies to schools, set to reopen Monday, and to polling places for Tuesday's presidential election.

However, 40 percent of those who lost power, or somewhere under 900,000 people, continued to experience widespread outages that could last for as long as another week, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo told reporters.

For many, that meant no heating just as temperatures are dropping in the New York area, with a windy, rainy autumn storm forecast for Wednesday.

Overall, 2.5 million customers remain without power across seven states that were in Sandy's path, the US Department of Energy said.

As New Jersey police raised the state's death toll to 22, increasing the overall US total to at least 109, the biggest hurdle to recovery continued to be a severe lack of gasoline.

Huge lines of cars and people on foot clutching canisters snaked back from gas stations, and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie announced rationing.

Starting Saturday, drivers with license plates ending in an even number were only allowed to fill up on even-numbered dates, while those whose plates end in odd numbers had to wait for odd-numbered dates.

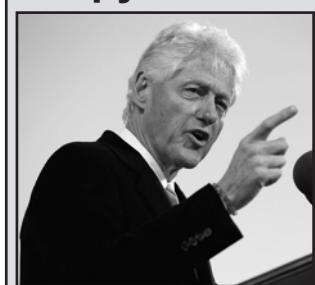
Meanwhile, New York officials announced the deployment of military fuel trucks offering 10 gallons (38 liters) of gasoline to drivers free of charge.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg also announced that one million school children would be back in class Monday, although there were 65 schools out of service due to damage or because they were being used as temporary shelters.

But frustrations were increasingly boiling over in the worst-hit neighborhoods.

The mayor urged patience, telling reporters there were "many people who are worried, and frustrated, and cold."

## Raspy Clinton gives full-throated backing to Obama



CONCORD, New Hampshire In a raspy whisper, Bill Clinton said words many Democrats never thought they would hear, telling a huge Barack Obama crowd: "I have given my voice in the service of my president."

So Clinton has -- literally, with his exhaustive campaigning for a candidate he once disdained, and figuratively, by laying out a plain-spoken case for the current commander-in-chief, which Obama has sometimes struggled to match.

The ex-president, his white mane picked out by spotlights, was the warm-up act for Obama at a rally in swing state Virginia late Saturday that was packed despite frigid temperatures, just three days before America votes.

An hour later, as Clinton's theme song "Don't Stop" by Fleetwood Mac blasted into the night air, the business of placing his two-term Democratic legacy on Obama's shoulders was complete. The joint appearances -- Clinton introduced Obama in Concord, New Hampshire on Sunday -- are the latest effort by the Obama campaign to catch a ride on Clinton's reputation for engineering nearly a decade of prosperity in the late 1990s.





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## Tens of thousands lose housing in US superstorm

NEW YORK (AFP) - Tens of thousands of people whose homes were destroyed or damaged by superstorm Sandy faced a new crisis in New York on Sunday as temperatures plunged, raising the specter of people freezing to death.

New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated that 30,000-40,000 homes in the city alone had been left unusable by the October 29 storm as the cold intensifies.

Sandy pummeled 15 states with fierce winds and a huge tidal surge that killed at least 109 people in the United

States and Canada and a damage bill running to tens of billions of dollars.

Almost two million homes are still without power and a new storm predicted to hit on Wednesday is bringing more heavy rain and winds.

"It is starting to get cold, people are in homes that are uninhabitable," New York state governor Andrew Cuomo told a press conference. "We are going to have tens of thousands of people who need housing solutions right away."

"This is going to be a massive, massive housing problem," the governor said.

## Russia, Arabs agree on need to move forward on Syria

CAIRO (AFP) - Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met in Cairo on Sunday with Arab League chief Nabil al-Arabi for talks about the Syrian conflict, agreeing on the need to move forward but finding little common ground.

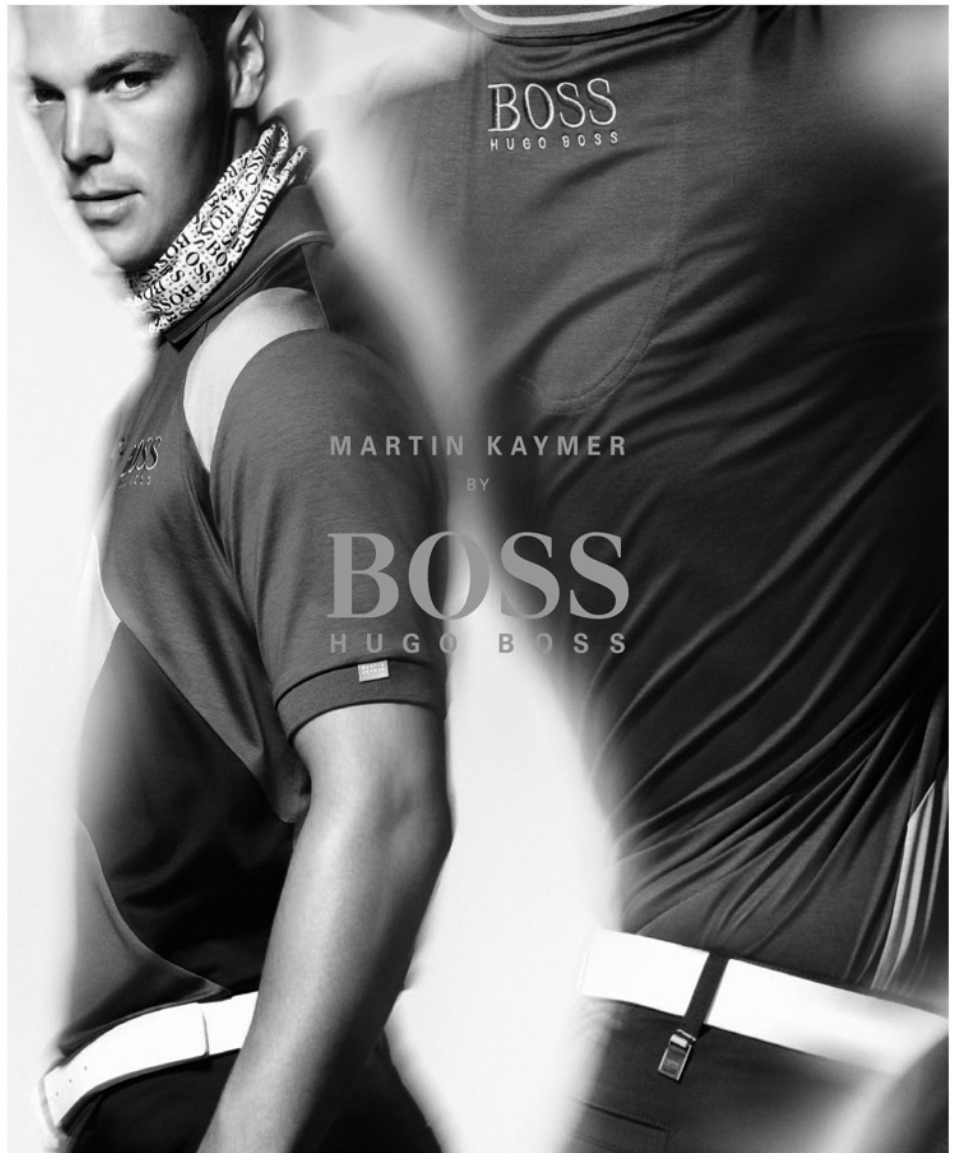
"We discussed the situation in Syria... reviewing what has been done so far and if there is any way to move forward. And let us be clear, there wasn't any agreement on anything," Arabi told a joint news conference.

Lavrov stressed the need

to "convince the Syrian parties to cease fire and sit down for negotiations in accordance with the Geneva agreement," referring to a Russian-backed transition plan world powers agreed on June 30.

The Syrian conflict erupted in March 2011 when forces of President Bashar al-Assad, Moscow's last major ally in the region, moved to crush pro-reform protests, triggering an armed uprising.

More than 36,000 people have been killed, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.



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## Somalia forms new government, woman named foreign minister



**New Somali Foreign Minister Fowsiyo Yusuf Haji Adan**  
MOGADISHU (AFP) - Somali Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon Said announced the members of his new government on Sunday, noting that a woman has been named as foreign minister for the first time in the country's history.

"After long discussions and consultations, I have named my cabinet which consists of only 10 members. Among them is a female foreign affairs minister for the first time in Somali history," the prime minister said.

The new foreign minister, Fowsiyo Yusuf Haji Adan, hails from the self-declared independent state of Soma-

land and lived in Britain for a long time.

"My nomination as the foreign minister is historic for the Somali country and particularly for the women of Somalia, it turns a new page for the political situation of our country and will lead to success and prosperity," she said.

Another woman named to the new government, Maryan Qasim Ahmed, will take the role of minister of development and social affairs. She had previously served as women's minister.

## Apple's iPhone loses name battle with Mexico's iFone

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A Mexican telecommunications firm named iFone has declared victory in a trademark battle with Apple's iPhone, exposing the US company to a potential compensation payment. Apple introduced the iPhone to the Mexican market in 2007, four years after the Mexican telecom services and systems company says it registered the name iFone.



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## Health & Living

### Monitoring can prevent unnecessary prostate ops: study

PARIS (AFP) - Close monitoring of prostate cancer tumours may make radiation and surgery -- which can cause incontinence and impotence -- unnecessary, a new study has shown.

Prostate cancer is one of the slowest-growing forms of the disease, and many men with tumours may never develop symptoms during their lifetime, meaning that many are treated unnecessarily -- often with serious side-effects.

A study conducted at the

University of Gothenburg in Sweden has now shown that many prostate cancer sufferers may dispense with treatment if they opt instead to undergo active surveillance.

This meant constant monitoring of tumour development through regular blood tests and biopsies, taking the step of surgery or radiation only once the tumour starts growing or becomes more aggressive.

"Many men can entirely avoid or at any event postpone

the adverse effects associated with curative treatment," researcher Rebecka Arnsrud Godtman said in a statement.

The study was published in the journal European Urology.

Of 968 men with prostate cancer studied between 1995 and 2010, 440 opted for active surveillance instead of treatment. Most of them had low-risk tumours -- the majority of prostate cancers diagnosed.

Among the group, 60 died but only one from prostate cancer, said the report.

### Newborn left in controversial Belgian 'babybox'

BRUSSELS (AFP) - A newborn baby boy has been left in a "babybox" in the Belgian city of Antwerp, the latest unwanted infant whose parents have taken advantage of a controversial charity scheme, the Belga news agency reported Sunday.

The infant, who was apparently in good health, was left on Saturday. He will be transferred to a child care centre and if his parents are not identified within six months, an adoption process will be launched, Belga reported, citing

ing municipal authorities.

It was the fourth time the "safety deposit box" has been used since the system, which has also been adopted in countries such as Germany and Japan, was introduced in Antwerp in 2000.

The baby box, effectively a warm and secure incubator which sets off an alarm to alert staff when used, was set up by the Mothers for Mothers (Moeders voor Moeders) charity and allows parents to anonymously deposit their unwanted newborns.

### Japan transsexual denied recognition as father

TOKYO (AFP) - A person who had a sex-change to become a man has complained of discrimination after a Japanese court refused to register him as the father of his wife's child, according to reports Saturday.

The 30-year-old, who was born female, had sought to be registered as the father after his wife delivered a boy in 2009 by way of artificial insemination using donated sperm.

But the Tokyo Family Court ruled the child must be registered as if he was born out of wedlock as the man is physically not capable of reproduction -- despite the fact sterile men are routinely recognised as the fathers of babies born using artificial insemination.

The couple married in 2008, after the husband officially changed his gender, and were recognised as husband and wife under a new law that came into effect in 2004.

"Under the law, Japan decided to treat me as a man. I would like to receive the same treatment as a father too," the man, whose name was not reported, told local journalists Friday.

## Please let there be no more

*Dedicated to those who fought gallantly but did not succeed in the battle against breast cancer*

As she pressed her dry  
Lips on the fore head  
With her trembling hand  
She softly caressed the cold face

A face that is more beautiful  
Than all the roses that surround her

It is quiet  
All that's heard is the softly sobbing  
Sobbing of an elderly mother  
Saying farewell to her daughter

As she lay there  
There was a look of tranquility  
On her face  
Silently a tear fell from a wrinkled cheek  
Onto a rose  
A rose that was cut in the prime of its bloom  
Never would this rose bloom again  
But her battle was fought gallantly until the end

As I gazed at this beautiful but sad scene  
My thoughts drifted back  
I was picturing all those young faces  
Faces of young women that passed on  
Young women in their prime  
Young women who lost the battle  
Against the dreadful breast cancer

As I stood with my silent emotion  
There was a lump in my throat  
I fell to my knees and whispered softly

Dear Lord it's me again  
Don't be mad  
Forgive me for knocking on your door  
It's you I turn to when I am sad  
It's a burden we can't carry any more

Dear Lord, actually I don't  
Know what to say  
But please, please Lord  
Protect and guide them  
Keep them out of harm's way  
Please Lord let there be a cure  
I know you can for sure

The church bells started to ring  
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## Sci-Tech

### Voting machines remain worry in US election

WASHINGTON(AFP) - Few want to even think about it, but the 2012 US election result could be clouded by problems with voting machines ... again.

Twelve years after the Florida punch card debacle in which thousands of votes went uncounted in the crucial state, some experts cite similar concerns about voting technology.

"We've put a tremendous effort into changing the voting systems, but in many cases we've discarded systems too quickly and replaced them with systems that we haven't examined enough," said Douglas Jones, a University of Iowa computer scientist.

Jones said technology used on some vote machines is now close to a decade old and should be updated. And some systems have security flaws or may not allow for recounts or audits, he noted.

A frequent target for critics is the use of touchscreen voting machines, which lack a paper backup. Around 25 percent of Americans are expected to use paperless electronic voting, according to the Verified Voting Foundation.

A report earlier this year by two activist groups and the Rutgers University School of Law said systems used in 20 states were either "inadequate" or needed improvement.

That includes 16 states which use paperless machines in some or all jurisdictions. Six states were ranked "good" and 24 "generally good."

Hurricane Sandy's destruction has added another element of uncertainty, says Thad Hall, a University of Utah political scientist and researcher for the Voting Technology Project.

"No power means that (vote machines) will only operate as long as their batteries last," he said. "It also means that voters voting on paper ballots will not have the use of scanners to identify errors on their ballots."

The devastation also means "some voters will literally not be able to vote because they will have been evacuated from their local polling place and there is no provision for remote voting."

## China busts \$11 bn online gambling ring



SHANGHAI (AFP) - Chinese authorities have busted what is reportedly the country's biggest online gambling ring, which allegedly handled bets of more than 70 billion yuan (\$11 billion), state media said.

The Shanghai-based gang ran a website linked with over-

seas gambling sites which allowed Chinese users to play online card games and bet on sport, including European football matches, the Global Times newspaper said.

Shanghai police broke up the ring in July, seizing 13 million yuan and arresting more than 50 people after a three-month investigation, it said.

The group was estimated to have handled bets estimated to

be worth more than 70 billion yuan in the January to July period this year, the newspaper said, describing it as China's biggest such case by value.

The gambling website used overseas servers while its more than 20 allied websites were mainly based in Southeast Asia and operated by overseas Chinese, the official Xinhua news agency and the Global Times said.

"The ring had a very bad effect on society," the Global Times quoted Qu Weifang, chief engineer of a Shanghai police unit dedicated to cyber

crime, as telling reporters.

"We have found office workers and university students who have gambled away all of their money."

Police could not be immediately reached for comment. China's ruling communist party banned gambling as one of the evils of the old society after it took power in 1949.

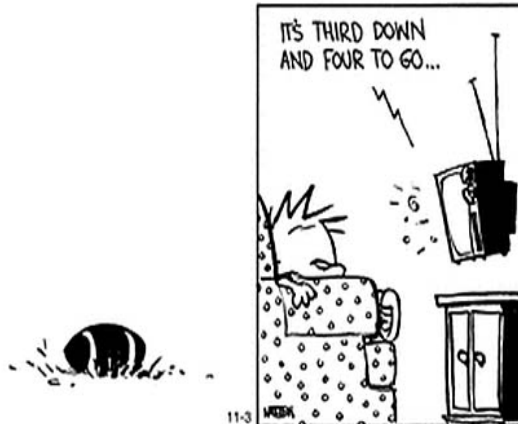
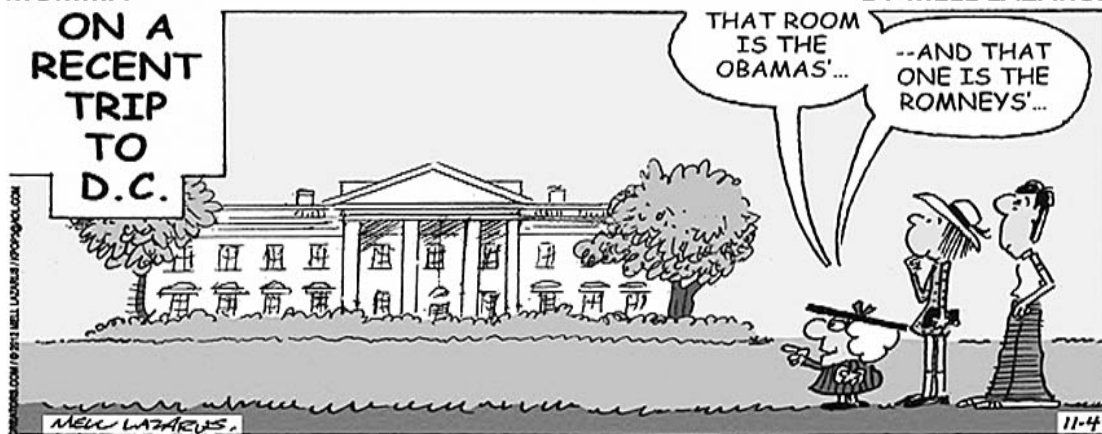
But Macau, a former Portuguese colony which is now a special administrative region of China, boasts the world's biggest gambling hub with casinos that are popular with mainland Chinese visitors.



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## ACROSS

1. Taunt to a scarecrow
4. Cab rider
8. "Lady Windermere's \_\_\_\_" (Wilde)
11. Nice friend
13. Exclamation of woe
14. Coach Parseghian
15. Links woes
17. Demon
18. "\_\_\_\_ Three" (1936 film)
19. Region: abbr.
21. Riviera summers
24. Did a spring farming job
27. Scrub anew

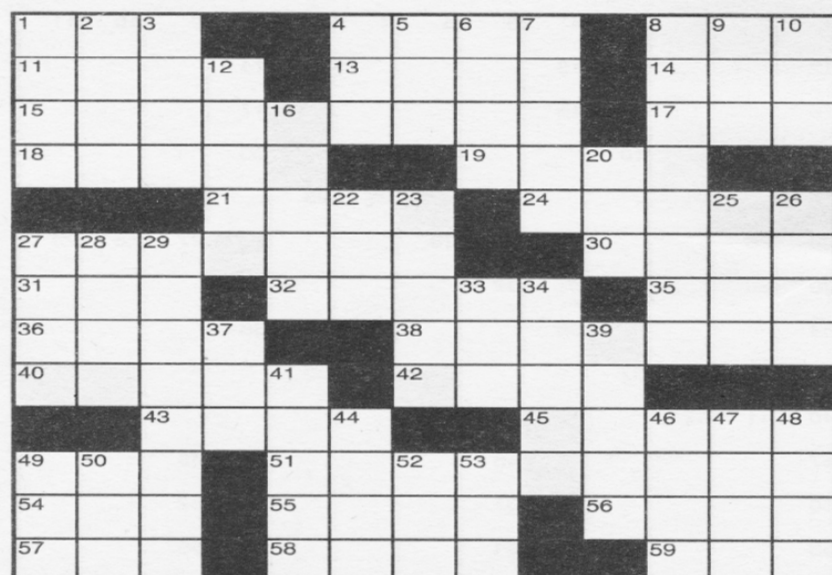
30. Nude
31. Great Scale note
32. Moves slightly
35. South African staple
36. Rhyme writer
38. Can't stand
40. Fattens the pot
42. At all times
43. Stew ingredients
45. Eradicate
49. Red or Dead
51. Links markers
54. Doggy bag morsel
55. Life of Riley
56. Baltic Avenue's \$4
57. Exclamation

58. Did the crawl
59. Wynn and Wood

## DOWN

1. Playbill listing
2. Chinese nursemaid
3. Fruit of the vine
4. Remote
5. According to
6. Enthralled
7. Snaky letters
8. Links expanses
9. The law's long appendage
10. Doze
12. Famed

- automotive flop
16. Berets' perches
20. Laura Petrie's hubby
22. Opposite of fast
23. Funny, with a bite
25. Quod \_\_\_\_ demon-strandum
26. GOP's rivals: abbr.
27. Country's McEntire
28. Joie de vivre
29. Links thoroughfare
33. Clergyman: abbr.
34. Brew
37. Report card blemish
39. Glitch
41. Fireproof coffer
44. Kraut's kin
46. Skipper's word
47. Cell phone button
48. Educated guesses: abbr.
49. Weep and wail
50. Important time
52. Happy \_\_\_\_ lark
53. Sapphire or diamond



## FORE!

## Sudoku



## SOLUTION

1	4	2	5	9	6	7	8	3
5	9	8	7	6	2	4	1	3
6	7	5	1	8	4	9	2	3
9	1	7	5	8	2	4	6	3
4	5	6	2	7	1	8	9	3
8	2	6	4	9	1	5	3	7
7	6	1	8	4	7	9	5	2
2	6	1	8	4	7	9	5	3
5	8	4	9	7	1	2	6	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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## Eurozone under pressure as G20 finance chiefs meet

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - G20 finance chiefs gather Sunday for two days of talks as Europe faces new pressure to resolve a relentless debt crisis threatening global growth, with the specter of a Greek euro exit reappearing.

Finance ministers and central bank governors from the Group of 20 top economies arrived in Mexico City as debt-riddled Greece continues to trouble Europe's single currency while Spain fights off pressure to seek a bailout.

The United States is also in the spotlight over a looming "fiscal cliff" of spending cuts and tax hikes that could undercut the US economy and global growth.

The White House and Congress need to reach a compromise by the end of the year to avoid the cliff but a resolution will have to wait until after Tuesday's presidential election, with US President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney locked in a tight race.

## FINANCE

### South Korea's total debt soars to \$2.75 tln

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korea's total public and private-sector debt soared to \$2.75 trillion this summer due to greater spending to stimulate growth and growing household borrowing, a report said Sunday.

As of June, combined debt held by the government, companies and households rose to 2,962 trillion won from 1,966 trillion won in 2007 and 2,859 trillion won at the end of last year, Yonhap news agency said.

The ratio of such debt to nominal gross domestic product was 201.7 percent in

2007, 231.1 percent last December and 233.8 percent at the end of June, it said, citing bank data.

The ratio has been on the rise since the 2008 financial crisis as the government expanded spending to spur growth and low borrowing costs prompted more households to rely on bank lending, Yonhap said.

In June Moody's Investors Service said the country's household loans have grown "at an alarming rate" and are vulnerable to financial shocks arising from the global economic downturn.

### Samsung sells 30 mln Galaxy S III smartphones

SEOUL (AFP) - Samsung Electronics said Sunday that global sales of its flagship Galaxy S III smartphone had topped 30 million since its debut in May.

"The Galaxy S III continues to be a runaway favourite with customers around the world," JK Shin, head of Samsung's IT and mobile communications division, said in a statement.

The third version of the Galaxy S series offers a more powerful processor that lets users watch video and write emails simultaneously as well as a large 4.8-inch (12.2-cm) screen.

The company sold 56.3 million smartphones, including its flagship S III, in July-September, representing 31.3 percent of the global market, more than twice as much as bitter rival Apple's share, research firm IDC said last month.

Samsung and US rival Apple have been embroiled in a long-running patent battle with the pair accusing each other of stealing designs and technology.

In August Samsung was ordered to pay Apple \$1.05 billion in damages for illegally copying iPhone and iPad features for its Galaxy S smartphones, but a Japanese court later rejected Apple's claim that Samsung stole its technology.

## Ahead of key votes, Greek PM warns of euro exit

ATHENS (AFP) - Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras warned again Sunday that the debt-crippled country could be forced out of the euro if parliament fails to approve a new round of austerity measures needed for a lifeline from creditors.

"We must save the country from catastrophe... if we fail to stay in the euro nothing will make sense," he told lawmakers from his conservative party.

Parliament is due to vote Wednesday on a bill outlining 18 billion euros (\$23 billion) of cuts and other reforms, followed by a vote on Sunday

on the 2013 budget as Greece battles to secure a new tranche of aid from its troika of international creditors.

Samaras said the votes were vital to "put an end once and for all" to the risk that Greece, faced with a crushing debt mountain, could return to the drachma.

He called on coalition partners, the socialist Pasok and the moderate left-wing Dimar (Democratic Left) parties, which have raised concerns about the scope of the measures, to act in the "supreme interests of the nation".

Greek unions however are planning a two-day strike from Tuesday to coincide with the austerity vote amid seething public anger over further painful cuts in a country that is heading for its sixth year of recession.

Greece has been negotiating with the European Union, International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank to unlock a 31.5 billion euro tranche of a bailout package or risk bankruptcy in mid-November.



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## Gangnam Style' second most-viewed YouTube video

SEOUL (AFP) - South Korean pop sensation Psy's "Gangnam Style" has become the second most-watched YouTube video of all time with more than 620 million hits as the quirky rapper continues to take the world by storm.

The 34-year-old singer, whose real name is Park Jae-Sang, rocketed to international fame after "Gangnam Style" - a techno ode to a trendy Seoul neighbourhood -- become a worldwide hit following its debut in July.

The video went viral online with its goofy signature horse-riding dance and week-end ousted singer Jennifer Lopez's dance hit "On the Floor" from second place. But it still trails behind Canadian teenage heartthrob Justin Bieber's "Baby", which has had over 795 million hits.

Psy has also remained at number two on the Billboard Hot 100 music chart in the United States for a sixth straight week after topping charts in countries including Britain and Australia.

The popularity of the song and video, which spawned hundreds of parodies and tribute videos across the world, has helped the singer land a contract with Bieber's management agency.

Psy, currently on a promotional tour in the United States, last week performed on ABC's "The View" talk show, after his appearances at the MTV awards and other prime-time programmes last month boosted his profile.

The star is already a music veteran at home with six albums under his belt and next week he will begin a promotional tour in Europe that includes a speech at the Oxford Union and an appearance at the MTV Europe Music Awards in Germany.

The rapper recently unveiled plans for his next song in an interview on the US cable network CNN, saying the lyrics will be a mix of English and Korean.

## From pot to gay marriage, US voters have lots to decide

CHICAGO (AFP) - From legalizing marijuana and gay marriage to wiping outdated segregation laws off Alabama's state constitution, US voters have a lot more to decide next week than simply picking the next president.

Here is a list of some of the 172 ballot measures that voters in certain states will be asked to weigh in tomorrow:

### GAY MARRIAGE

Gay marriage has long been a hot-button issue in the United States. But this year is the first time some voters will be asked if they want to approve, rather than ban, legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Voters in Maine are expected to approve a referendum seeking to legalize same-sex marriage.

Polls are also showing supporters could prevail against efforts to ban gay marriage in Maryland and the state of Washington, while it's not clear if efforts to make Minnesota the 31st state to amend its constitution to ban gay marriage will succeed.

### LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

Voters in three states -- Colorado, Oregon and Washington -- will be asked if recreational use of marijuana should be decriminalized. Three other states -- Arkansas, Montana and Massachusetts -- will vote on allowing its use for medicinal purposes.

### GM FOOD LABELS

If California voters choose to require warning labels on foods that contain genetically modified ingredients,

consumers across the nation will likely start seeing similar notices. While most Americans don't share Europeans' mistrust of genetically modified food, the labels could be sufficiently off-putting to enough people to push food manufacturers to use non-modified ingredients.

servative voters to the polls.

### ABORTION RESTRICTIONS

Voters in Florida will be asked to weigh in on a plan to ban state funds from being used not only for abortions, but also for any health insurance plans which cover the service.



### ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY

California voters will also be asked if it is time to repeal the state's death penalty. There are currently 724 people on the state's death row but California has only executed 13 people since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976. Some 17 states of 50 have abolished the death penalty.

### UNDERMINING 'OBAMACARE'

Five states -- including the key battleground of Florida -- will be voting on measures to undermine President Barack Obama's landmark health care reform. Since federal law typically trumps local state laws, the impact will likely be limited to driving some con-

Montana voters will be asked to ban doctors from performing an abortion for girls under the age of 16 without notifying their parents or guardian 48 hours earlier.

### UNION RIGHTS

Union members, who tend to support Democrats, are expected to turn out in Michigan to support an initiative to make collective bargaining a constitutionally guaranteed right. California voters will consider an initiative to restrict union political activity by prohibiting them from contributing to candidates or using dues deducted from paychecks for political purposes.

### RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH

The right to hunt and fish

will be on the ballots of three states -- Idaho, Kentucky and Nebraska -- ostensibly out of concern that animal rights activists could try to ban the activity. North Dakotans will consider measures to protect "modern" farming practices and animal cruelty laws which won't apply to farmers, hunters or scientific researchers.

### POLITICAL MAPS

Democrats in battleground Ohio are hoping to use a ballot measure aimed at establishing an independent commission to redraw legislative maps so as to regain some of the districts lost in a plan passed by the Republican-led legislature.

### CLEANING UP THE CONSTITUTION

Alabama's effort to remove outdated references to segregated schools and repeal a no-longer-enforced poll tax are due in part to a quirk of state law which requires a referendum for any changes to its lengthy constitution. It could also serve to boost turnout among African-Americans, who tend to vote for Democrats.

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-- No foray to Oranjestad is complete without a stop to refresh and refuel at Lecca Lecca, the stylish "Gelato Shoppe" located right in the main bus terminal. This adorable eatery sports a menu that reflects the passion of its owner, Milly Lacle, for "healthy, natural foods, for a healthy body."

The idea of a sweet treat being good for you is contrary to everything we are being told today, but Milly did her homework before establishing her gelato and sorbetto factory on the second floor. Her recipes come from a respected gelato house in Italy, where they have been producing the refreshing, low or no fat product since the 1800's. She continues the tradition of using only fresh fruit juices and natural extracts to as flavoring.

There are absolutely no artificial colorants or preservatives in the gelato and sorbetto, which is produced fresh daily; leftovers at the end of the day are donated to children's homes Casa Cuna or Imeldahoff.

They have over 60 flavors on their roster with 18 available at the shop each day, including at least one sugar-free and one-gluten free for those with special dietary needs. All the gelato is made from organic milk flown in from Italy, guaranteed free of steroids and antibiotics. Lecca Lecca



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pasteurizes the milk in their factory, to be sure there are no chemicals used in the process. The end product is whipped light and fluffy naturally, producing a satisfying treat drastically lower in fat, sugar and calories than traditional ice cream.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## SPORTS

### FOOTBALL NEWS:



**BUENOS AIRES (AFP) :** San Lorenzo's midfielder Matias Mirabaje (bottom, C) scores a goal against Boca Juniors during their Argentine First Division football match, at the Bombonera stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Saturday. Boca Juniors beat San Lorenzo 3-1.



**MEXICO CITY (AFP) :** America's forward Christian Benitez (R) and his teammate Raul Jimenez (V) evade the mark of Pachuca's defender Paulo Da Silva (L) during their Apertura 2012 Mexican tournament football match at the Azteca Stadium, Saturday. America beat Pachuca 4-0.



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## European Football:



**PARIS (AFP) -** Lyon's Belgian midfielder Steed Malbranque (L) vies with Bastia's French defender Jeremy Choplin during the French L1 football match Lyon vs Bastia yesterday, Lyon beats Bastia 5-2. Lyon are third on 21 points.

**Dutch Eredivisie:** Twente Enschede showed they had recovered fully from their mid-week Dutch Cup elimination by second division Den Bosch with a 3-0 win over Feyenoord to move back to top of the league with 28 points after 11 matches, one ahead of PSV Eindhoven who beat Heracles Almelo 4-0 on Saturday.

NEC Nijmegen beat Groningen 2-1 to move to seventh with 17 points.

Bottom side VVV Venlo snatched their first win of the season thanks to an Aleksander Radosavljevic goal four minutes into stoppage time in a 2-1 victory over AZ Alkmaar.

Other games on Sunday: Heerenveen 2 FC Zwolle 1 and NAC Breda 2 RKC Waalwijk 1

**Spain La Liga:** Ten-man Valencia defeats Atletico, Valencia survived the dismissals of Ricardo Costa and two of their coaching staff to inflict a first defeat of the season on Atletico Madrid.

Roberto Soldado's stunning opener gave the hosts an interval lead and Nelson Valdez secured a 2-0 victory in stoppage time.

Barcelona equalled the La Liga record on Saturday for the most points after 10 games and moved three clear of Atletico Madrid at the top of the table thanks to a 3-1 win at home to Celta Vigo.

Other game on Saturday: Malaga 1 - Rayo Vallecano 2.

Espanyol and Deportivo La Coruna earned much-needed second wins of the Spanish league season on Sunday for both sides to provisionally rise from the relegation zone.

Espanyol won 1-0 at Real Sociedad for its first away victory after 10 rounds, while Deportivo ended an eight-game winless run by edging out visiting Mallorca 1-0.

Other game on Sunday: Osasuna 0 Valladolid 1

**German Bundesliga:** Ten-man Bayer Leverkusen edged past promoted Fortuna Dusseldorf 3-2 on Sunday to leapfrog into fourth place in the Bundesliga and extend their unbeaten run to seven league games.

Bayern Munich notched their ninth win in 10 games, beating Hamburg SV 3-0 on Saturday to go seven points clear at the top with 27.

Schalke 04 failed to a last-

gasp 3-2 defeat against Hoffenheim on Saturday to stay second on 20 along with third-placed Eintracht Frankfurt.

Werder Bremen won 2 - 1 FSV Mainz 05. also on Sunday.

**English Premier League:**

On Sunday, Queens Park Rangers and Reading had a 1-1 tie at Loftus Road yesterday, with both team still looking for a first win this season.

While Liverpool and Newcastle also teid 1-1.

Saturday's games:

Fulham 2 Everton 2  
Man Utd 2 Arsenal 1  
Norwich 1 Stoke 0  
Sunderland 0 Aston Villa 1  
Swansea 1 Chelsea 1  
Tottenham 0 Wigan 1  
West Ham 0 Man City 0



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## Basketball: NBA results.....

MIAMI (AFP) Chris Bosh scored 40 points and Ray Allen sank the go-ahead basket while being fouled with 6.7 seconds remaining to spark the Miami Heat over the Denver Nuggets 119-116 in an NBA game on Saturday.

Allen, who left Boston and was obtained by the reigning NBA champions in the off-season, hit six 3-pointers and finished with 23 points while LeBron James added 20 as Miami bounced back from a 20-point loss on Friday at New York.

Andre Iguodala's jumper gave Denver a 116-114 advantage but the Heat answered when James flipped a pass to Allen in the left corner and the veteran sank a 3-pointer while the Nuggets' Corey Brewer ran into him after the shot.



**Ed Davis #32 of the Toronto Raptors tries to take a shot as MarShon Brooks #9 of the Brooklyn Nets defends**

Allen added a free throw to create the final margin and Italy's Danilo Gallinari missed a final 3-point attempt to clinch the Miami triumph.

Bosh enjoyed the biggest scoring night since he joined the Heat two years ago when James also arrived. James added a game-high 11 assists and nine rebounds for Miami.

Iguodala and Kenneth Faried each scored 22 points to lead the Nuggets, who fell to 0-3 for the first time since 2006.

And in Brooklyn, Brook Lopez scored 27 points and Deron Williams added 19 to spark the Brooklyn Nets to a 107-100 victory over Toronto on Saturday in a triumphant debut in their new \$1 billion home arena.

The Nets saw their originally scheduled opener against the uptown rival New York Knicks postponed from Thursday to November 26 because of damage suffered around the city as a result of killer storm Hurricane Sandy.

Pushing that game back meant that the Nets, who moved from New Jersey after last season, had to wait until the Raptors visited on Saturday to make their debut at the Barclays Center but made it worth the wait for Brooklyn fans.

It was the first home game

1957 season.

Lopez produced a key three-point play and Williams added two late free throws to spark the victory. Williams finished with nine assists while Joe Johnson had 14 points. C.J. Watson came off the bench to contribute 15 points.

Toronto's Kyle Lowry scored a game-high 28 points and contributed eight rebounds and eight assists while DeMar DeRozan added 25 points for the Raptors, who fell to 0-2 on the season.

At New York, Carmelo Anthony scored 27 points and the New York Knicks downed Philadelphia 100-84 on Sunday, giving the Knicks a 2-0 start to an NBA season for the first time since 1999.

Two nights after ripping reigning NBA champion

Miami in their season opener, the Knicks never trailed after the first quarter in dumping the 76ers.

J.R. Smith added 20 points and nine rebounds for New York while Jason Kidd contributed 12 points and six assists and Raymond Felton added 11 points for the Knicks.

Jrue Holiday scored 27 to lead the 76ers, who also had 16 points from Thaddeus Young and 11 points and 11 rebounds from Evan Turner.

Anthony sparked a 14-7 Knicks run to produce a 19-12 lead and New York never trailed again.

Philadelphia guard Jason Richardson sprained his left ankle early in the first quarter and did not return to the game.

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# Thousands run in New York race of disappointment



NEW YORK (AFP) - Thousands of frustrated marathon runners from around the world descended on New York's Central Park on Sunday to take part in improvised races after the famed event fell vic-

Many came from Europe.

Word spread about the Run Anyway marathon on social media sites. A lot of runners decided to donate cash to New York groups helping storm victims. Some just wanted to



tim to superstorm Sandy.

Many put on the race numbers they would have worn in the marathon, a huge earner for the city, which was called off for the first time in its 42-year history.

Under a crystal blue sky, more than 3,000 runners started the Run Anyway NYC Marathon. Similar numbers took part in other races intended to ease the sporting anger at the cancellation.

Lance Svendsen put up a Facebook page proposing the race and soon built up the entry field as word spread.

Many of the 47,000 competitors were angered at the last-minute decision to call off the race on Friday when most runners were already in New York.

The organizers have still not announced whether or when they will refund entry fees for the race, which generates an estimated \$340 million a year for the city.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg had wanted to carry on with the race, but gave in to protests over resources being devoted to the marathon while thousands still suffer from Sandy in New York.

Runners came from the four corners of the world to take part: Chileans, Croats, Canadians and Kazakhs.

finish the miles and kilometers they had promised for sponsorship back home.

"It is very disappointing," commented Christophe Pujade from Carcassonne in France. "This is a pilgrimage for us. We want to feel the sensation of the marathon and the atmosphere."

Elise Hinson, wearing race number 46789, came from Sydney having raised \$4,000 for cancer research. She had the names of people who had died from cancer written on the back of her shirt.

"I just wanted to make sure that I finished the distance and the journey after coming all this way," she said.

Beatrice Rochette de Lempdes from Montreal in Canada said all the disappointed runners were in Central Park to show solidarity with each other.

"We are there together, we have a common passion, so it is good to be together today," she said.

Carlos Sanchez Rodriguez, a Spaniard, went to Central Park because he could think of nothing else to do on the big day. It would have been his sixth marathon.

"I'll go for a run and try and make it in my average time, but you have to be motivated," said Sanchez. "It is going to be

difficult."

While many runners say they understand why the race had to be called off, there have been high-profile complaints about the way the cancellation was handled.

"I find it incredible that they let participants think this event was going to take

place," wrote former French tennis star Amelie Mauresmo on Facebook.

One runner took Bloomberg to task. He ran in New York streets with a shirt bearing the slogan: "I love incompetent billionaires."

The marathon generates a lot of money for the local

economy with 20,000 overseas runners in hotels and restaurants and some two million people lining the streets to watch the race.

Some runners paid up to \$347 to enter and the organizers also get large amounts of money in television rights and other sponsors.

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